

# Today's Jobs and Tomorrow's Opportunities in the Chico Region

Even in this challenging economy, there are current top job openings available for those with training and skills. The following table lists occupations identified by the California Employment Development Department (EDD) as examples of today's top jobs in the Chico region. These occupations were selected based on a combination of current job openings listed on EDD's *CalJOBS<sup>SM</sup>* system, future job openings, and good annual earnings. Top occupations are separated into three categories based on required training and education - some require only a short training period, while others require two to four years of college.

## Top Jobs in the Chico Region

Occupation	2008 2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter <i>CalJOBS<sup>SM</sup></i> Openings <sup>1</sup>	Projected 2004-2014 Job Openings <sup>2</sup>	Median Annual Wage <sup>3</sup>
<i>Opportunities requiring a bachelor's degree or higher</i>			
Insurance Sales Agents	57	70	\$41,442
Pharmacists	15	70	\$129,199
Accountants and Auditors	10	270	\$46,736
Network Systems and Data Communications Analysts	5	110	\$64,051
<i>Opportunities requiring two years of training or education</i>			
Registered Nurses	218	580	\$74,398
Licensed Vocational Nurses	52	180	\$42,916
Police and Sheriff's Patrol Officers	36	90	\$73,511 <sup>4</sup>
Fire Fighters	23	60	\$63,521 <sup>4</sup>
Maintenance and Repair Workers	7	22	\$32,696
<i>Opportunities requiring up to one year of training or work experience</i>			
Medical Assistants	30	310	\$27,667
Heavy Truck Drivers	12	270	\$37,198
Bookkeeping, Accounting, and Auditing Clerks	11	300	\$31,390

Source: Employment Development Department, Labor Market Information Division

<sup>1</sup> *CalJOBS<sup>SM</sup>* is California's Internet job listing system. The numbers reflect permanent job openings (31+ hours per week) for report period 4/1/08 – 6/30/08. These numbers reflect listings for both new jobs and typical turnover, when employees change employers but remain in the same occupation.

<sup>2</sup> Projections of employment are based on historical employment and economic indicators. These numbers reflect the sum of new jobs and replacements, when employees permanently leave their occupations or the labor force all together.

<sup>3</sup> EDD/LMID Occupational Employment Statistics; Wages reflect the Chico Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA); 2008. Median is the point at which half of the workers earn more and half earn less.

<sup>4</sup> Data reflect California statewide wages. Wage data for Chico MSA are not available for this occupation.

More high-growth and high-wage opportunities are coming up in the Chico region. Some of these occupations require only a short training period, while others require two to four years of college. For more information about these occupations, such as job requirements, go to the EDD's Career Information section at [www.labormarketinfo.edd.ca.gov](http://www.labormarketinfo.edd.ca.gov).

## **ADDITIONAL HIGH DEMAND/HIGH WAGE OCCUPATIONS IN THE CHICO REGION**

	<b>Median Annual Wage<sup>3</sup></b>
<b>Requires a bachelor's degree or higher</b>	
Elementary School Teachers	\$50,976
Management Analysts	\$51,239
Network and Computer Systems Administrators	\$58,103
Secondary School Teachers	\$62,820
<b>Requires two years of training or education</b>	
Compliance Officers	\$50,510
Electricians	\$44,919
Fitness Trainers and Aerobics Instructors	\$37,186
Office Support Supervisors	\$38,461
<b>Requires up to one year of training or work experience</b>	
Executive Secretaries	\$33,812
Sales Representatives, Wholesale/Mfg.	\$50,190

*Source: Employment Development Department, Labor Market Information Division*

Detailed information about occupations is found in EDD's most popular product, the newly-designed *California Occupational Guides* series, now with local labor market information. Each *Guide* has up-to-date information on employment outlook, wages, licensing requirements, and training programs and now appears with two report options: summary and detailed. Click here: [www.labormarketinfo.edd.ca.gov/occguides](http://www.labormarketinfo.edd.ca.gov/occguides) to get started and explore some of the occupations listed in these tables.

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## Toolbox for Job Seekers

Job Finding Tools	<p><i>California One-Stop Career Centers</i> provide free tools and resources for job seekers. Most centers offer:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Career specialists to assist job seekers with assessments to identify and match their skills to occupations and make career decisions.</li> <li>• Free access to phones and the Internet.</li> <li>• A place where job seekers can browse occupations and explore careers, create and post their résumés, and use job search engines such as <i>CalJOBS<sup>SM</sup></i> and <i>JobCentral</i> to find current job listings.</li> <li>• Career and résumé-writing workshops.</li> <li>• Community resources and referrals for training and other services.</li> </ul> <p>To find the nearest <i>One-Stop Career Center</i>, go to <a href="http://www.edd.ca.gov">www.edd.ca.gov</a>.</p> <p><i>CalJOBS<sup>SM</sup></i> is California's Internet job listing system that provides services to job seekers where they can search for jobs, post their résumés, and research prospective employers. Go to <a href="http://www.caljobs.ca.gov">www.caljobs.ca.gov</a> or access the <i>CalJOBS<sup>SM</sup></i> Web site at your local <i>One-Stop Career Center</i>.</p> <p>Laid off construction, mortgage, and real estate workers can get additional help through a new Talent Transfer program. Ten million dollars has been committed to help train these workers for jobs in similar fields, and to hold customized job fairs to connect them with immediate job openings and training opportunities.</p> <p>In addition, laid off mortgage and real estate workers can learn what <a href="#">transferable skills</a> they may have to meet the needs of in-demand occupations. To learn more about this labor market report on jobs with similar skills, as well as the Talent Transfer program, see the Jobs &amp; Training section of the EDD Web site at <a href="http://www.edd.ca.gov">www.edd.ca.gov</a> under <a href="#">Opportunities for Housing Industry Workers</a>.</p>
Career Exploration Tools	<p><i>California Occupational Guides</i>, in a new, interactive format, is California's long-recognized source for career information designed to assist individuals in making career decisions. Each <i>Guide</i> includes local and statewide information about training, current wages and job prospects, skills requirements, and day-to-day tasks. Go to <a href="http://www.labormarketinfo.edd.ca.gov/occguides">www.labormarketinfo.edd.ca.gov/occguides</a> to get started.</p> <p>Also check out <a href="http://www.worksmart.ca.gov">www.worksmart.ca.gov</a>, a job-readiness program that can help job seekers build the applied skills employers say candidates need.</p> <p><i>California's Reality Check</i> provides calculators to determine real-life scenario costs of housing, transportation, and clothes for students and job seekers to determine their job world readiness. Go to <a href="http://www.californiarealitycheck.com">www.californiarealitycheck.com</a>.</p>
Training Tools	<p>Training opportunities are available through the <i>One-Stop Career Centers</i>. For information on what kind of training you'll need or where to get training, go to <a href="http://www.edd.ca.gov">www.edd.ca.gov</a> and click on Jobs and Training.</p> <p>Information on apprenticeship training programs is available on the Department of Industrial Relations Web site. Job seekers may access the database to search for apprenticeship programs by individual counties and occupations at <a href="http://www.dir.ca.gov">www.dir.ca.gov</a>.</p>